Public Works Department on 25th Medam 1106, after obtaining statements of consent from the land-holders concerned.

(c) Want of budget provision.

(e) The question is not intelligible.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not clear? It is as clear as anything.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is not a supplementary question to be answered.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—You have stated that the question is not intelligible. I don't see the unintelligibility about it.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is unintelligible to the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—To you?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—To the Government. I answer for the Government.

Dredging of the Blangachal thodu.

70. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the date on which the dredgering of the Blangachal thodu is alleged to have been effected;

(b) the inference the present state of the dredged part affords;

(c) the officer responsible for it;

(d) how the Government intend to mend things?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The work of deepening is now in progress.

(b), (c) & (d). The question is unintelligible.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(b) (c) and (d). May I know why Sir, what is the trouble about it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I said that the question is not clear. I can read it but I cannot understand what it means.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I will give you that information.

President.—That must be in the form of questions.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was the Blangachal Thodu drudgered?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The answer is there in (a).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the present state of the drudgered portion?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work of deepening is still in progress.

Roads recommended by the Road Board.

71. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) the roads recommended by the Road Board ;

(b) when the works will be started?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The Board has not yet recommended any road construction.

(b) The question does not arise in view of the above.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what the work of the Board is?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The minutes of the Board are published in the Gazette and they consider the feasibility of constructing roads and other matters.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How long since it was formed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They first met in Karkadagam 1106.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—So that is about an year now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No, it is only four months.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—And no roads are recommended.

Tenders of Panchayat works.

72. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether any limit has been fixed up as to the authority who should call for tenders of Panchayat works ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No hard and fast rule has been laid down. The Panchayat Finance Rules lay down that the agency for the execution of works costing Rs. 500 and below should be determined by the Panchayat. The system of entrusting works on contract by calling for tenders was introduced only recently. At present tenders for works costing Rs. 500 and above up to Rs. 2,000 are called for and disposed of by the Registrar of Panchayats. Tenders for works costing Rs. 2,000 and above are called for by the Registrar but disposed of by the Diwan. Tenders for works costing less than Rs. 500 are presented to the Panchayats who determine the contractor with the approval of the Registrar. Tenders for works costing above Rs. 200 are notified by the Registrar to be presented to the respective Panchayats. Those for works costing Rs. 200 and below are notified by the Panchayats locally.

Foot-paths in Chennamangalam.

73. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state why the public foot-paths in Chennamangalam have not been made purambokes ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The question is not clear. Details about the foot-paths in respect of which information is required may be given.

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